

7th Grade English
Summer Reading Assignment for *Wonder*

Dear Seventh Grade,

Welcome! This summer for English, you'll be reading *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio. You'll have three jobs to do with our book.

Job 1: Post-its for passages and test. Start reading *Wonder*. Read carefully. As you read, use Post-it Notes to mark passages in the text that stand out to you. You might mark a passage because it really touched you, because you'd like to talk about it, or because you have questions. Write yourself a note on a Post-it and stick it next to each passage you mark. This will help you remember why you marked it. You should have at least 3 -5 passages marked for each speaker in the book. Be prepared to discuss and write about the book when we return to school, and be prepared for a reading comprehension test that will consist of multiple choice and short answer.

Wonder is a book about a young boy, Auggie, who was born with a different kind of face. At his new school, all he wants is for his classmates to treat him as a regular kid, but his new classmates have trouble seeing past his differences. Auggie's story has inspired many young people across the nation. One result of Auggie's story is the Choose Kind campaign. This is a campaign to encourage people of all ages to combat meanness, not just in school, but in all areas of life, with everyday acts of kindness. We will be participating in the Choose Kind campaign this year. You will begin recording your acts of kindness over the summer. Soon, you will receive a Choose Kind bookmark, and once school begins, you'll receive a bracelet. These are made by the Children's Craniofacial Association (CCA), which supports the Choose Kind campaign. You can read more about all this at the following websites: <http://choosekind.tumblr.com/> or <http://www.operationsmile.org/>.

Job 2: Kindness Post-its. Let *Wonder*, what you learn at the websites, and your bookmark inspire and remind you to commit acts of kindness. Remember, acts of kindness take many forms. Kindness can be shown not only to people, but also to animals, and even to nature and the earth in general. Acts of kindness can also be public, where people see or know about your actions, or private, where only you know the good you did. Take notes to help yourself remember what acts you have done this summer. Take these notes on Post-its and stick them inside the cover of your book to keep track of them. I hope that you'll have lots of kindness Post-its, but please have at least 8.

Job 3: Precept Postcard. When you finish *Wonder*, create your own precept or choose a precept you have heard that you like. Make sure that the precept relates to your own life. Remember, precepts are short quotes that are rules to live by. Write your precept and an explanation of why you created or chose that precept on a postcard. Use a friendly, summer vacation letter style! Mail your postcard to me at Stratford Academy: Ms. Tiffany Hensley, Stratford Academy, 6010 Peake Road, Macon, GA 31220. You may purchase or make your postcard yourself. However, if you make your own postcard, make sure it follows any rules the United States Post Office has for post cards, such as size. Your postcard must arrive at school no later than Friday, August 4.

If you have any difficulty or if you have questions about the assignments, please contact me at tiffany.hensley@stratford.org.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer, and I simply cannot wait to see your postcards and to hear what you have to share at the beginning of the school year!

Wishing you all a summer full of life, kindness, growth, and love,

Ms. Hensley